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APOLOGY TO IGOR GOUZENKO

In 1980 Harper & Row published *WILDERNESS OF MIRRORS*, an account of the struggle for secret-service supremacy between the CIA and the KGB, written by a well-known American journalist, David C. Martin. Included in the book were several references to the dramatic story of Igor Gouzenko, the former member of the military attache staff at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, who, in 1945, escaped and gave to the Canadian government valuable information about Soviet espionage and subversion programs in Canada.

WILDERNESS OF MIRRORS acknowledges Mr. Gouzenko's important public contribution to Canada. The more than a hundred documents which he brought with him led to a curtailment of Soviet intelligence activity in both Canada and the United States. In addition, Mr. Gouzenko's difficult decision was made at considerable personal sacrifice and risk, and with little certainty of what the future in the West would hold for himself and for his young family.

As a result of this experience, Mr. Gouzenko has formulated a Five Point Program, which he says is the only practical and effective way to expose Soviet espionage in Democratic countries. The program sets out a scheme which he says would ensure that potential escapees would receive adequate security, support

and recognition for their services. In January, 1954, he presented this plan to the Governments of Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

In the years since 1945, Mr. Gouzenko has also written a novel entitled "The Fall of a Titan." The novel, published in 1954, won the Governor General's award as the best Canadian novel of its year.

Unfortunately, *WILDERNESS OF MIRRORS* contained one short passage which Mr. Gouzenko has found objectionable. The paragraph in question was based on information Mr. Martin received from sources he reasonably believed to be reliable. However, Mr. Gouzenko has brought Mr. Martin's attention to other facts which, in this case, showed Mr. Martin's information to be inaccurate. The author, Mr. Martin; the publishers, Harper & Row; and the Canadian distributors of the book, Fitzhenry and Whiteside, wish to retract any statements which implied that Mr. Gouzenko is other than a responsible and respected individual. Mr. Martin did not intend to publish information discrediting Mr. Gouzenko and the passage was subsequently deleted from the paperback edition of the book. The author, publishers and Canadian distributors apologize for any embarrassment which this passage may have caused Mr. Gouzenko.

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